## XV. *A further Account of the ſame Caſe: in a Letter to the Right Honourable the Lord* Cadogan, *F. R. S. from the Rev.* William Henry, *D. D. F. R. S.*

My Lord,

Read June 14, 1759. I HAVE now ſtanding by me William Carey, the young man, of the oſſification of whoſe limbs I had the honour formerly to acquaint your Lordſhip: and now, in obedience to your commands, give an account of his caſe ſince that time.

I had him ſent up in March laſt to Mercer's Hoſpital in this city. After examining his caſe, the phyſicians and ſurgeons concluded, that the only probable chance to prevent the progreſs of the oſſification, and to remove the evil already effected, was putting him into a mercurial courſe. This they tried; and after ſome ſlighter mercurial medicines, they, in the latter end of April, laid him down in a ſalivation, thro' which he paſſed with ſafety.

This dried up the running ſores at his elbows, occaſioned by the burſting of the ſkin, thro' the oſſification. Some lighter callus, which was ſhooting into bones, ſeems to be ſoftened: in conſequence of which he can move his elbows, and the joints of his fingers, with more eaſe; and he has a little more clearneſs and vivacity in his countenance: but none of the oſſified parts are reduced, nor is there any appearance of their reduction; and he ſtill continues to wear an hectic look. To reduce the oſſified parts, they

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they have applied to them mercurial plaiſters; the effect of which time will ſhew.

As he is now diſcharged out of the hoſpital, they have directed him to bathe continually in the ocean, which happens to be very convenient to his habitation; and have directed him to anoint his limbs with the ſoapy juice of the *quercus marina*, which lies in plenty along the ſhore. I ſhall attend to the event of this proceſs, and ſend your Lordſhip a particular account of it.

I am, with all regard,

Your Lordſhip's much obliged,
and moſt obedient humble Servant,

Dublin,
May 24. 1759.

William Henry.

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## XVI. *An Account of the Comet ſeen in* May 1759. *By* J. Bevis, *M. B.*

Read May 3, 1759.

I Had acquainted ſome of my friends, that it was my opinion a comet would hardly ariſe above our horizon of London Sunday April the 29th; but that probably we might ſee one April 30th.

Sunday was very clear; but I could not ſee it.

Monday, not ſo clear: however, I ſaw what I took for the comet thro' the ſmoke of the town, about ten, near the horizon.

Tueſday, May 1. ſaw it very plainly, at Mr. Short's, from nine to eleven. We compared it by means